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Dear Ms. Young:

I have received a letter from the Armenian National Committee concerning an article in the Department of State Bulletin, written by Andrew Corsun of the Threat Analysis Group in the Office of Security, on Armenian terrorism. The article contained references to the events of 1915, which are often referred to as the Armenian genocide.

At the end of this article, the State Department added a disclaimer. The disclaimer stated that the State Department does not endorse allegations that the Turkish government committed a genocide against the Armenian people. This disclaimer was obviously inserted in reference to interpretive comments made by the author concerning the events in Turkey in 1915.

I am concerned about the State Department's treatment of this matter. I would appreciate some explanation indicating the position of the State Department on the events of 1915 in Turkey, as well as an explanation for this position of nonendorsement of the allegations against the Turkish government. I thank you for your help in this matter, and I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

Signature of John Heinz
John Heinz
United States Senator

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